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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA

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SUBJECT: APCAC MESSAGE ON PHILIPPINES

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED TWO SETS OF TELEGRAMS FROM PAUL R. GIBSON, CHAIRMAN ASIAN PACIFIC COUNCIL OF AMERICAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, ADDRESSED TO DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY INGERSOLL. UNDERSTAND IDENTICAL MES-

SAGES ALSO SENT DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOX OF COMMERCE DEPARTMENT AND PERHAPS OTHER SENIOR USG OFFICIALS.

2. THESE TELEGRAMS, TWO TO EACH RECIPIENT, DEAL WITH PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN EXPIRATION OF LAUREL-LANGLEY AGREEMENT WITH PHILIPPINES. ONE MESSAGE CITES EXPIRATION OF PHILIPPINE TRADE PREFERENCES AND SUGGESTS TEMPORARY AGREEMENT AND/OR LEGISLATION PROVIDING SPECIAL TARIFF BENEFITS TO PHILIPPINES PENDING ENACTMENT OF TRADE REFORM ACT. OTHER TELEGRAM URGES THAT "SUCCESSOR TREATY CONFIRM THOSE RIGHTS GIVEN BY THE PHILIPPINES TO AMERICANS OVER THE PAST 28 YEARS" AND THAT "ANY DECISIONS AFFECTING THE RIGHTS OF AMERICANS BE HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF NEGOTIATIONS."

3. FOR SYDNEY: IF EMBASSY MANILA STATES NO OBJECTION, REQUEST CONGEN PASS FOLLOWING REPLY TO GIBSON WHO WE UNDERSTAND IS MANAGING DIRECTOR OF ENVIROTECH ASIA PACIFIC, BOX 221, ARTARMON, SYDNEY.

4. FOR MANILA: REQUEST COPY ALSO BE GIVEN TO AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF PHILIPPINES.

5. FOR TOKYO: REQUEST COPY BE GIVEN TO APCAC SECRETARIAT, SUBJECT MANILA CONCURRENCE.

QUOTE: DEAR MR. GIBSON: YOUR MESSAGES TO MYSELF, ASSISTANT SECRETARY INGERSOLL, AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOX, CONCERNING OUR ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE PHILIPPINES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND ARE BEING GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION. AS YOU KNOW, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN ENGAGED FOR SOME YEARS IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT CONCERNING PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN THE EXPIRATION OF THE LAUREL-LANGLEY AGREEMENT. WE ARE APPROACHING THESE DISCUSSIONS ON THE BASIS OF THE LONG-STANDING US POLICY THAT WE WILL NOT SEEK TO CONTINUE THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WHICH THE LAUREL-LANGLEY AGREEMENT AS A TRANSITIONAL INSTRUMENT WAS DESIGNED TO HELP BRING TO AN END. AT THE SAME TIME WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO ASSURE CONTINUED CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MUTUAL COOPERATION APPROPRIATE TO THE MODERN WORLD.

QUOTE: ON THIS BASIS WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN DISCUSSION WITH THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT OF A TREATY OF AMITY AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS, AND THESE DISCUSSIONS ARE CONTINUING. TALKS HAVE ALSO BEEN INITIATED, I UNDERSTAND, BETWEEN PHILIPPINE OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN THE PHILIPPINES AIMED AT FACILITATING THE

TRANSITION FOR AMERICAN BUSINESS IN THE PHILIPPINES TO THE POST-LAUREL-LANGLEY ERA. WHILE THE GRANTING OF BILATERAL TARIFF PREFERENCES IS CONTRARY TO OVERALL UNITED STATES POLICY, WE REMAIN READY TO DISCUSS TARIFF ISSUES WITH THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT ONCE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY IS AVAILABLE. I AM HOPEFUL THAT THE COMMUNITY OF INTERESTS WHICH THE UNITED STATES AND PHILIPPINES SHARE WILL ENABLE US TO REACH MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY RESOLUTIONS OF ANY OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS.

QUOTE: OUR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL ARE GREATLY ASSISTED BY ACTIVE COMMUNICATION WITH THE AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY, IN THE UNITED STATES AND ABROAD. FOR THIS REASON, WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR MESSAGES CONVEYING TO US THE COUNCIL'S VIEWS ON CURRENT ISSUES, AND HOPE THAT YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE KNOWN TO US IN WASHINGTON, AND TO THE EMBASSY IN MANILA, ANY INFORMATION OR COMMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO OFFER. SINCERELY YOURS, KENNETH RUSH. END QUOTE KISSINGER

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